

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-16, 18, 19, 24-26 and 30 are pending in this application. Non-elected claims 3, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 30 are withdrawn from consideration.

**I. Personal Interview**

Applicants thank Examiner Loewe and Examiner Shiao for the courtesies extended to Applicants' attorney during the personal interview held March 17, 2010.

During the interview, Examiner Loewe agreed to withdraw the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), because the compound disclosed in the reference does not anticipate claim 1. Applicants' attorney also pointed out that this reference had been cited in the Office Action mailed January 22, 2008, and had been overcome in view of the Declaration filed December 4, 2008.

The extensive prosecution history of the application was also discussed during the interview. Examiner Loewe asserted that there is a search burden, because the genus of compounds of claim 1 is broad and difficult to search.

Applicants' attorney indicated that Applicants fully complied with the Restriction Requirement by limiting the claims to Group II, drawn to products of formula (I) wherein R<sup>1</sup> is phenyl and X<sup>1</sup> is O or S, and requested the Examiner to expand the search.

Examiner Loewe agreed to broaden her search beyond a single species, and stated that after performing her search, she would telephone Applicants' attorney to discuss her search results prior to issuing a new Office Action.



### III. Conclusion

For these reasons, Applicants take the position that the presently claimed invention is clearly patentable over the applied reference.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing remarks, it is submitted that the rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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